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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99,868-C)

PATENT

In re Application of: )  
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 Rohit Patnaik )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 2876  
 Serial No.: 09/707,648 )  
 ) Examiner: Ahmed  
 Filed: November 7, 2000 )  
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 For: Method for Inspecting a BGA Joint )

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

**In the Claims:**

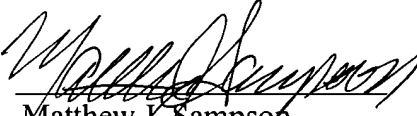
Please cancel ~~claim~~ 9.

**Remarks**

In the Office Action dated January 20, 2004, the Examiner noted that claims 1 through 9 are subject to restriction. In particular, the Examiner found claims 1 through 8 to be drawn to a method for inspecting a BGA joint and claim 9 to be drawn to a method for inspecting a region of interest. The Examiner found these groups to be distinct based on separate utility.

By way of response, applicant elects claims 1 through 8, without traverse. Claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice to its subsequent presentation in a continuing and/or divisional application.

Respectfully Submitted,



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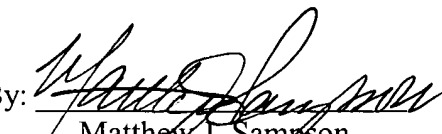
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

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A. Response to Restriction Requirement  
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2. With respect to additional fees:  
  X   A. No additional fee is required.  
       B. Attached is a check in the amount of \$
3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to the Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.
4.   X   CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8 (FIRST CLASS MAIL): The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the document(s) as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 19th day of February, 2004.

Dated: February 19, 2004

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